

Annual Meeting of The Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc.

Washington, D.C., May 1-5, 1985

INTERIM MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 30, 1984, Washington, D.C.

The interim Meeting of the Board of Directors was convened at 9:00 A.M., November 30, 1984, by President William Epstein at the Eisenhower Room, Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C. Officers, Directors-at-large, and Resident/Fellow Directors all were in attendance. Minutes of the prior meeting, having been approved by mail vote, were not read.

Report of the Editor

Dr. Howard Baden reported that the number of manuscripts received by The Journal during the first eleven months of the year has increased from 330 in 1983 to 430 in 1984. The quality of submitted articles and the distribution of countries from which the papers are sent are essentially stable. Dr. Baden has decided to reduce the acceptance rate now rather than to increase the interval between receipt and publication or to publish a larger Journal, but that policy will be reviewed periodically. After a full discussion of the relations between The Journal and the Publisher, the Editor was directed to sign a contract with Williams & Wilkins for 1985 at the most favorable terms he is able to negotiate. The Executive Committee was directed to send to the Board by March 15, 1985, a concise outline of possible alternative arrangements for such contracts in the future. Dr. Gerald Lazarus was selected to chair a search committee to assist the Board in selecting a new Editor in December, 1985, a date 18 months before Dr. Baden completes his five-year term of office.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Ervin Epstein, Jr. presented to the Board a proposed budget for 1985 and reviewed the number of members of The Society during the past ten years. Such numbers have increased only slightly despite the concurrent marked increase in the number of dermatologists. Several suggestions were made for increasing the number of members, most of which emphasized mechanisms by which The Journal could be made more easily read by those not engaged actively in laboratory research. The Board directed the Editor and Editorial Board of The Journal to explore possible ways of distributing brief summaries of Journal articles written in non-technical language. As of the time of the meeting, the number of Patron Members and of dermatologists choosing to join The Society following the completion of their training was greater than in November, 1983.

In addition, the Board agreed to provide certificates suitable for framing to each Resident and Trainee who presents a paper or poster at the National Meeting.

Although the Beerman and Montagna Funds are increasing each year, the amount spent on the Resident-Fellow forum and the eroding effects of inflation exceed slightly the interest earned on the Blank Fund.

The 1985 Budget projected a small surplus and was approved with a few changes.

Report of Committees

Dr. David Norris, Scientific Program Committee Chairman, discussed various plans for the 1985 joint JSID-SID Meeting. The Board agreed that abstracts submitted for the meeting but

not selected for full presentation will be considered as presented by title. The plenary sessions will be selected from among a pool of abstracts receiving the best scores, such pool being 2.5 times as large as the number of slots available on the plenary sessions. The selection will be made so as to achieve a balance of subjects, but the selection will be made without knowledge of the author or the geographic region of the laboratory where the work was performed. Doctors Gene Bauer and Thomas Waldman will receive the Montagna and Beerman Awards, respectively. The Board requested the Committee to experiment with overviews of selected research topics as introductions to research sessions in which the presented work addresses a specific area of investigation. The suggestion was made that Doctors Beerman, Blank, and Montagna be encouraged especially to attend the 1985 meeting because of its being a joint meeting.

Dr. Martin Carter, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Meetings, presented the results of deliberations of his Committee and was directed by the Board to have his Committee proceed with an effort to reach some consensus with other societies interested in dermatologic research regarding future international research meetings.

Dr. William Cunliffe, Secretary of the European Society for Dermatological Research, discussed plans for the ESDR-SID Meeting to be held in late June, 1986 in Geneva. Dr. Jean Saurat has secured the gratis use of the International Conference Center, a modern and well-equipped facility located a short ride from the major hotels. The SID will hold a national meeting in May, but the joint meeting will replace the usual annual ESDR meeting. Doctors Irwin Braverman, W. Cunliffe, E. Epstein, Jr., and Thomas Lawley met subsequent to the Board meeting and agreed tentatively on a March 1, 1986 abstract deadline. Presentation of the same work at the May and June meetings will be forbidden. Selection of workshop topics and chairpersons as well as the judging of the submitted abstracts will be accomplished jointly by the Program Committees of the two Societies. A registration fee sufficient to cover most of the costs of the meeting will be imposed.

Dr. Brian Jegasothy, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Capital Funds Drive Committee, presented a detailed record of the Committee's efforts to select a reasonable goal for the fund-raising efforts and a strategy for collecting that sum. The Board approved the suggested plan, starting with the preparation of a precise statement of the purpose of the collection effort.

The Board approved the changes recommended by Dr. James Nordlund and his Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee, and these will be presented to the general Members for vote in May 1985.

The Board also approved the submission of the name of Dr. Karen Holbrook to the National Academy of Sciences for membership on their newly formed Basic Biology Board, and approved the funding of a fellowship for 1985 through the Dermatology Foundation.

Finally, the Board agreed to propose to the Members in May, 1985, a \$10/yr increase in 1986 dues if a \$10/year increase in member subscription costs occurs. This accomplished, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 1, 1985, Washington, D.C.

The Board met in the California Room at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. at 9:00 A.M. on May 1, 1985:

The minutes of the meetings of the Board in December, 1983 and May 1984, were published in The Journal in December 1984 and therefore were not read.

E. Epstein, Jr. presented the report of the Secretary (Table I). The number of Corporate Sustaining Members and of Patron Members each are at all-time highs, but despite repeated mailings, the number of active members has dropped in 1985, and the number of members who have not yet renewed their membership is considerably higher than was the case in past years. After vigorous discussion, the Board agreed unanimously to contact personally members whose dues are in arrears to try to convince them to continue their membership. The Board also urged the Executive Committee to study this matter further.

Dr. Epstein presented the report of the Treasurer (Table II). As expected from the drop in active members, less dues money was collected. Nevertheless, The Society had \$32,204 more income than expenditures during 1984, and this was reflected in the increased cash on hand as of December 31, 1984, the end of The Society's fiscal year. Because dues are collected in the Fall for the following year, the December 31 cash-on-hand is nearly the maximum for the year. It was noted, therefore, that the cash-on-hand on August 31 more closely represents that amount carried over from year to year. As noted in Table II, the cash-on-hand on August 31, 1984 was \$270,897, of which \$162,739 was available for unrestricted purposes. This is equivalent to 56% of the total funds expended during 1984.

The four regional meetings that were held during the past year with the regional meetings of the APCR were of varying success. In view of the differing needs and responses of each region, a proposal was adopted to allow each regional chairperson greater flexibility in scheduling these meetings.

In December, 1985, the SID will co-sponsor one session at the meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology. Douglas Lowy will chair that session.

D. Martin Carter presented the report of the ad hoc committee studying future joint international meetings. The recommendation to have one combined meeting with both the European Society for Dermatological Research and with the Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology was endorsed by the Board, and the Executive Committee was directed to discuss with the other Societies ways of implementing this proposal.

John Grupenhoff reviewed the current status of Federal

initiatives likely to affect the interests of members of The Society and ways in which these interests could be made known to legislators.

William Epstein reviewed the tradition by which The Society President has selected the Rothman Medal awardee each year. The Board adopted Dr. Epstein's proposal that a list of past winners be published in The Journal and that nominations be solicited through The Journal for this honor.

The report of the Audit Committee was considered, and the Board accepted its recommendation that the Treasurer engage a bookkeeper to summarize The Society's income and expenses at the end of the year.

The report of the Editor (vide infra) was accepted by the Board, which noted with concern the fact that the increasing number of unsolicited manuscripts was causing an increase in the time between submission and publication and a fall in the percentage of submitted papers that are published. The Board directed the Editor to enlarge The Journal by up to 150 pages in the next year. The Board reviewed the results of the questionnaire sent to the Chief of each Dermatologic training program regarding their review of The Journal in Journal Clubs. It noted with some dismay that few programs review The Journal seriously. Lloyd King was appointed to chair a committee to investigate new Journal features that would help attract a broader readership.

The Board discussed extensively various options for publishing The Journal as reported by the ad hoc committee of Drs. Baden, Carter and Epstein, Jr. This summarized the results of several years of discussions with Williams & Wilkins and other publishers. The Board considered carefully the nearly 50-year

TABLE II. *The Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc. Annual Financial Summary*

	1984	1983
Income:		
Dues:		
Active members	\$ 98,720	\$116,762
Patron members	19,305	11,070
Resident/Fellow members	25,890	27,060
Corp. sustaining members	19,000	15,000
ESDR	17,680	17,785
Other	5,245	11,290
	\$185,840	\$198,967
Investments:		
Interest	\$ 28,907	\$ 21,696
Dividends	—	504
	\$ 28,907	\$ 22,200
Journal Income:		
Editorial Allowance	\$ 56,000	\$ 52,000
Royalties	28,830	27,160
Other	—	4,000
	\$ 84,838	\$ 83,160
Donations	\$ 1,075	\$ 250
Meeting Fees	\$ 14,705	\$ 88,017
Other	9,176	28,942
Total Income	\$324,541	\$421,536
Expenditures:		
Subscriptions: JID	\$109,159	\$108,747
JID office	77,499	74,958
SID office	55,111	47,082
Government liaison	5,500	10,395
Meeting:		
National and joint	22,464	93,900
Regional	4,513	2,347
Rothman medals	3,104	—
Fellowship	8,000	16,000
Committees	7,037	6,092
Total	\$292,337	\$359,521
Excess income	\$ 32,204	\$ 62,070

TABLE I. *The Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc. Membership April 15, 1985*

	1983	1984	1985
Active members	1,308	1,297	1,115
Patron members	44	75	124
Resident/Fellow members	874	865	900
Inactive members	95	96	92
Honorary members	58	60	62
Corporate sustaining members	17	21	24
Individual sustaining members	18	21	20
New members pending	101	55	41
ESDR/SID joint members	20	22	18
Resident/Fellow transfer to active	61	63	51
Direct pay		21	12
Totals: (All categories)	2,592	2,596	2,459
Totals: (Dues-paying)	1,565	1,575	1,405
Resignations/Arrears/Deceased			
Resignations	34	18	11
Arrears for dues	128	132	310
Deceased	7	1	8
Totals:	169	151	329

association with Williams & Wilkins and the excellent quality of their publications as well as the financial constraints imposed by the rapid growth in manuscripts received and the slower growth in subscriptions. It then voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the ad hoc committee and of the Executive Committee and thereby instructed Dr. Carter to sign a contract to have *The Journal* published by Elsevier starting with the January, 1986 issue.

David Norris reported that 469 abstracts were submitted for the May, 1985, Joint SID-JSID Meeting and that 400 were accepted for presentation in oral or poster form. The Board encouraged the Program Committee to continue to accept for presentation as many of the submitted abstracts as possible and to continue to do so on the basis of "blind" review of the scientific merit of each abstract. A proposal to accept all submitted abstracts for a trial period was defeated. The Committee was directed to add to the abstract form a list of topics, among which the author might select one into which the abstract

submitted might fit best. Dr. Norris was commended and thanked by the Board for his enormous efforts preparing for this meeting.

The Board approved the proposal by Gerald Lazarus for procedures to be followed for selecting a new Editor for *The Journal*. The Committee will select a single candidate for approval by the Board at the December, 1985 meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the plan presented by Brian Jegasothy for initiating the 50th Anniversary Capital Funds Drive.

The Board elected the following members of The Society to fill vacancies on Committees of The Society:

Finance: Mark Everett; Goals: Lowell Goldsmith; Honorary Membership: Irwin Braverman; Membership: Alan Shalita; Nominating: William Weston; Program: Brian Jegasothy; Public Relations: David Norris, Bruce Wintroub.

There being no further business, The Board adjourned its meeting at 5 P.M.

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

May 2, 1985

The Annual Meeting of the members of The Society convened in the Ballroom of the Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C., May 2, 1985. The meeting was called to order by Dr. William L. Epstein. A quorum was present.

Dr. Epstein reported that the minutes of the prior meeting of the members were published in the December 1984 issue of *The Journal*, and the members present approved these as published. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer then were presented (Tables I and II).

A moment of silence then was observed for the following members whose deaths had come to the notice of The Society during the previous year: Helen O. Curth, Niels Danbolt, James N. Gilliam, Lawrence C. Goldberg, Su Chin C. Liu, Karsondas J. Master, Frances Pascher, and Makato Seiji.

Reports of standing and ad hoc Committees of The Society then were read (see minutes of the May 1, 1985 meeting of the Board of Directors). There being no further business, the session was adjourned by Dr. William Epstein.

SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

May 5, 1985

The Second Executive Session of the members of The Society was called to order by President W. Epstein at 7:35 A.M. A quorum was present at this session.

Election of officers and directors: It was moved, seconded, and passed that the nominations be closed. By unanimous vote of those present, the following slate of individuals proposed by the Committee on Nominations was elected to office: President Elect—Kirk D. Wuepper, M.D., Vice-President—Madhukar A. Pathak, Ph.D., Directors—Karen A. Holbrook, Ph.D. and David R. Bickers, M.D. (five-year terms) and Gerald G. Krueger, M.D. (three-year term), Resident/Fellow Director—Lela

A. Lee, M.D.

Election of New Members: The applications for membership and for transfer from Resident/Fellow status to active membership were approved by unanimous vote.

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws: After spirited discussion, the members voted to accept the amendment to Article V and to table the amendment that would have specified the composition of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

The session was adjourned by President W. Epstein at 8:00 A.M.

THIRD EXECUTIVE SESSION

May 5, 1985

President W. Epstein reported that 803 individuals had attended the first joint meeting of The Society and The Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology (Table III).

The new officers and members of the Board of Directors

were introduced, the retiring officers and directors were thanked warmly, Doctors Epstein and Mishima thanked all participants for contributing to the success of the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned.

FINAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 5, 1985

The final meeting of The Board was held in the Continental Room of the Capital Hilton Hotel. President Carter appointed J. Nordlund to the ad hoc position of Parliamentarian for The Society and directed him to continue his chairmanship of the ad hoc Committee on By-laws.

Dr. J. Saurat (Geneva) presented tentative plans for the joint meeting of The Society with the ESDR. This will be held at the conference center in Geneva June 22–June 26, 1986; the exact duration being dependent on the number of abstracts received. Five hundred rooms of varying prices have been

TABLE III. Attendance 1985 SID/JSID meeting

	Preregistered	No show	On-site registration	Total
SID Members	285	25	104	364
SID Resident/Fellows	125	0	68	193
SID Guests	60	0	48	108
SID Total	470	25	220	665
JSID Members	110	5	10	115
JSID Resident/Fellows	11	0	1	12
JSID Guests	10	0	1	11
JSID Total	131	5	12	138
SID/JSID Total				803

reserved for meeting attendees, and reservations will be available through a central travel agency. Social events planned include an evening cruise on Lake Geneva.

Dr. Y. Mishima (Kobe) and Dr. Saurat then joined The Board for a discussion of future joint meetings. Boards of the ESDR, JSID, and SID each has endorsed the idea of a future joint meeting of all three Societies. Further discussions will be necessary to select a date and site for the first such joint meeting.

The Board then discussed the use of Journal pages for publication of abstracts. A motion was passed instructing the Executive Committee to explore mechanisms whereby abstracts could be available to all subscribers to The Journal without

consequent reduction in the number of pages available for publication of manuscripts.

The Board reviewed several suggestions for increasing Society membership and approved the sending of a letter to AAD members not currently SID members reminding them of the benefits of joining The Society.

The Board endorsed the attempts of the officers to continue close interaction with the AFCE/ASCI/AAP, specifically including sponsorship of a joint plenary session. In addition, L. Goldsmith and A. Lucky were directed to continue to explore the possibility of The Society co-sponsoring a session with The Society for Pediatric Research.

The Board unanimously endorsed the suggestion that a committee explore the possibility of employing a medical science writer to prepare a monthly contribution for The Journal summarizing some area of research interest. L. King will direct such a feasibility investigation.

Finally, the Board directed President Carter to write to Dr. Naomi Kanof indicating the strong support of The Society for the establishment of the Marian B. Sulzberger Chair of Dermatology at the Uniformed Services Medical School in Bethesda. Because of the present financial constraints, the Board noted with regret that no direct contribution could be made towards that Chair at this time.

There being no further business, Dr. Carter adjourned the meeting.